GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MSP FOR MILK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to declare Minimum Support Price (MSP) for milk as for other commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of milk and milk products in the country right from primary production to the finished product and for upgradation of state of art technologies in the area?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Dairying is a state subject and the prices of milk are fixed by the State Governments/State Dairy Federations.

(d): The Government of India is implementing the following schemes/regulatory order to improve the quality of milk and milk products in the country:

1. Intensive Dairy Development Programme

2. Strengthening infrastructure for quality and clean milk production.

3. Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund

4. Milk and Milk Product Order

In addition, finance at soft terms are being provided by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to Cooperative Milk Unions for improvement in quality of milk for creation of infrastructure for clean milk production, technology innovations and strengthening of quality controlled laboratories. Dairies are being encouraged and financed by NDDB to go for quality management system/food safety management system.